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Applicant : Hiroshi OGAWA et al.
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DIGITAL WATERMARKING**
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In the Office Action mailed on June 9, 2009 (the one-month response date for which is July 9, 2009), the Examiner required restriction/election as to the following Species: Species I - Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 19 and 20; and Species II - Claims 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

Applicants elect with traverse Species I having claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 19 and 20.

It is understood that restriction is not required since it is believed that examining all of the claims together places no undue burden on the Office.

It is noted that a Final Office Action issued on February 20, 2009 and was responded to by the Response mailed on May 19, 2009. The Examiner confirmed in a voice mail message to the undersigned the Restriction Action's due date of July 9, 2009, so that it supersedes the prior six-month date (August 20, 2009) of the earlier Final Office Action and so that examination will continue in the present case because of the Restriction Action's due date of July 9, 2009.

Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action on the merits.

While no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees (including any Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

Dated: 6/24/2009

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